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The finding of more examples of *Pituophis* from these southern states will be awaited with much interest.

Following is a description of the black example from 14 miles southwest of Mobile, now deposited, through the kindness of Dr. Loeding, in the United States National Museum (No. 62,340):—

Ventrals, 225; anal, single and entire; 57 divided caudals; upper labials, 8 on each side, lower labials, 13 on the left side and 15 on the right; one preocular on each side; 4 postoculars on the left side and probably 4 on the right; about 4 temporals in the first row; rostral dividing the internasals for two-thirds of their width; maximum number of scale rows, 29, anteriorly, 27; posteriorly, 21; keels on dorsal scales prominent above, progressively fainter on the sides, descending as low as the sixth row anteriorly and the third row posteriorly. Total length, 1,800 millimeters; tail length, 221 millimeters. Sex, female.

The coloration (by reference to Ridgway's Color Standards and Nomenclature) is as follows: Above, fuscus black; below, slate color; on the head, between the parietals and the rostral, and including the upper labials, most of the scales having in their centers a development of orange-cinnamon mixed with the fuscus black; occasional ventral scales, except on the anterior portion of the body, with flecks of perhaps an ivory yellow, or lighter, near their ends; and along the sides of the tail and near its end, on most of the subcaudal scutes, some lighter coloration showing faintly through the black.

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## PILOT SNAKE SWALLOWING NEST EGG

I was greatly interested in the account recently published in Copeia of a Pilot Snake, *Elaphe obso-*

*leta*, swallowing a stone and of another swallowing a China nest-egg.

I recall that a few years ago at Jacob's Creek, Pa., my father heard a commotion one day among the fowls in the poultry house, and on investigation, found a large Pilot Snake with the chickens. The snake was killed and when examined carefully it was discovered that it had swallowed a China nest-egg. I have another record of a Pilot Snake swallowing an artificial egg.

I once saw a large female Pilot Snake in the act of swallowing a full-grown gray squirrel. How it managed to capture the squirrel was a mystery, but it may have secured it in a hole in a tree. The snake was on the ground in a forest. My uncle, who first discovered the snake, hit it with a stick. The squirrel, apparently dead, was being swallowed head first, and it was more than half down the snake's throat when first found.

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